The fifteenth annual session of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends opened its first session Monday evening,
August 7, 1961, at 7:40 o'clock in the meeting room in Page
Hall of Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California.

The sounds of our infants and small children during our opening
period of worship gave us a sense of our continuity as a Yearly
Meeting. We were aware of our three-dimensional nature ... old,
young and younger. The clerks of the Young Friends Yearly
Meeting sat at the desk with the clerks of our Meeting.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of the following Yearly
Meetings:

Canadian Yearly Meeting:

"While the union of our three Yearly Meetings into one was
accomplished several years ago, we are increasingly reaping
the benefits of this union and 'unity in diversity' was a
phrase on many tongues. This unity of organization and spi-
rit is a Christian witness to the oneness that Jesus asked for
his disciples as He prayed that they might all be one. Yet our
differences are sacred and we are learning to see that they
are God's differences, which must unite and not separate."

France Yearly Meeting:

"What is secondary are the differences of race, nationality and
social position; the outward forms or civilizations and reli-
gions. None of these distinctions should outweigh the fact
that we are brothers, sons of our Father who is in Heaven . . .
As trees plunge their roots deeply into the soil to draw up
the sap, in like manner our spiritual life should be rooted in
and sustained by God in order to expand in love and work for
our brothers."

The Religious Society of Friends in Germany:

"In the course of our deliberations on faith, on inward and
outward discipline and on our relationship with our fellow-
men, it became evident that our responsibility lay in under-
standing and in trusting our brother who is different from
us ... When doubt and anxiety assail us, we may indeed al-
low ourselves to be shaken like a tree in a storm, firm in
the assurance that we can emerge from the experience quieted
and strengthened. But we must ask ourselves whether ouroots penetrate deep enough to withstand such storms . . .
Let us continually search together for the way which is
practicable for each one of us, so that through our fellow-
ship with God the influence of our lives upon our fellow men
may become increasingly effective."

After the introduction of the following visiting Friends we were
reminded that a proper way to greet our visitors was not by ap-
plause but by making sure that we became acquainted with them
during their stay with us.

Howard and Anna Brinton, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
Edward and Agnes Coggeshall, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
Gracia Booth, Toronto Meeting, Canadian Yearly Meeting.
Valli Weigle, Morningside Preparative Meeting, New York
Yearly Meeting.
Emmett Gulley, Oregon Yearly Meeting.
Lorena Blackburn, with a traveling minute from the North
Columbus (Ohio) Friends Meeting.
Helen Corson, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
Suzanne Sein, Mexico City Monthly Meeting, Pacific Yearly
Meeting.
Stratton Jaquette, Honolulu Monthly Meeting, Pacific
Yearly Meeting.

The Reading Clerk called the roll by Monthly Meetings, and mem-
ers of the following Meetings present stood together as their
Meeting name was called:

Berkeley
Claremont
College Park (San Jose)
Delta
Eastside (Seattle)
Eugene
Fresno
Honolulu
La Jolla
Los Angeles

Mexico City
Monterey Peninsula
Multnomah (Portland)
Orange Grove (Pasadena)
Palo Alto
Phoenix
Pima (Tucson)
Riverside-Redlands
Sacramento
Salt Lake City
The State of Society reports from the following Meetings were heard with appreciation to those who had prepared them:

2. Oregon Quarterly Meeting.
3. College Park Quarterly Meeting.
5. Meetings in Arizona and New Mexico.
6. Portions of a letter from Jane Baumann reporting for the Meetings in Albuquerque and Santa Fe were read.
7. Suzanne Sein brought us a delightful and vivid picture of the life and growth of the Meeting in Mexico City. She spoke of their search for Truth within their own diverse group and of their outreach to all Friends in Mexico.
8. Stratton Jaquette brought us loving greetings from Honolulu Monthly Meeting and we were delighted to know of their continuing effort to share their Meeting experiences by sending at least one member to our annual Meeting.

Copies of each written report are on file with the original minutes in the files of the Yearly Meeting.

After a brief period of worship the Meeting adjourned to reconvene Tuesday morning at 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, August 8, 1961, 10:25 a.m.

The Meeting was opened with a period of worship, as we welcomed new Monthly Meetings into our Yearly Meeting, we were reminded that the State of Society reports indicate some uneasiness in our older Meetings over the depth and vitality of the Meetings for Worship. What are some of the causes for this uneasiness? Silence is not what we worship. We use silence to open the door where He awaits us. Could our uneasiness be due to our need to be responsible than we are? We must find a way to liberate those in our Meetings with special gifts, especially those who by prayer can strengthen our weekly Meetings for Worship. Could our uneasiness be due to our need to be irresponsible? We need to remember that much has been done for us. We should be able to enter our Meetings for Worship with a joyous abandon and recognition that much has been given us.

Excerpts from the Epistle from the General Meeting for Australia were read:

"Many avenues of service lie open to us, but in all of them we should aim to bring the good news of the Kingdom of God to those everywhere who are willing to receive it. We pray that to each one of us may be given the grace, the love, and the sensitivity to be used of God in the opportunities He is offering us."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends (General Conference) were read:

"The way to unity for us is not through wishful thinking, but in seeking to be prophets of progress. We know that love works better than hate; and we know that overcoming evil with good is better than compounding evil with more evil."

1961-1 Mildred Burck gave the Secretary's report. Friends showed a lively interest in facts regarding membership numbers, categories and varieties. The official minutes will contain a full report, which the Meeting accepted with appreciation for a task that is both "interesting and frustrating."

1961-2 The Meeting approved asking the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight to define the term Associate Member.
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1961-3 The Meeting approved the recommendation from the March 1961 Interim Committee to name the following Friends to the Nominating Committee:

To expire 1964
Etta Vogel (Orange Grove Meeting)
Ben Seaver (San Francisco Meeting)
Hazel Johnson Legg (Vancouver Meeting)

To expire 1963
Margaret Sinkin (Los Angeles Meeting)

1961-4 Friends indicated that they concur with the action of the March 1961 Interim Committee in accepting the recommendation of Northwest Half-Yearly Meeting that Eastside Monthly Meeting be accepted as an established Meeting in the Yearly Meeting; and the recommendation of College Park Quarterly Meeting that Fresno Monthly Meeting be accepted as an established Meeting in the Yearly Meeting. Members of these Meetings present were asked to stand as we noted with satisfaction these additions to our Yearly Meeting.

1961-5 After hearing a personal letter from Oscar Marshburn, Clerk of California Yearly Meeting, to our Clerk, Friends expressed a desire to find a way to enter into closer fellowship with California and Oregon Yearly Meetings. Friends agreed that we should ask certain of our members to attend these Yearly Meetings with a letter from the clerk.

Floyd Schnee reported on the activities of the Friends World Committee. Conferences, intervisitation, publications and the Quaker team at the U.N. were considered in his report. It was pointed out that a Fourth World Conference of Friends is being considered for 1967 and that decisions on this matter will be made at the forthcoming meeting of the Friends World Committee in Kenya. Our Yearly Meeting representatives to these sessions will be Ferner Nuhn, Floyd Schnee and Gretchen Tuthill.

Friends were asked to study two documents as we look forward to a report from the Incorporation Committee. Copies of a draft of the Articles of Incorporation of Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation and a draft of the By-Laws of Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation were distributed.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:05 to reconvene Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Tuesday, August 8, 1961, 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle from East Africa Yearly Meeting were read:

"(We have been) led to realize how needful it is to stand in unity with Friends in other parts of the world in facing the Christian challenge in this troubled world."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Second General Reunion of Friends in Mexico were read:

"We consider as essential the capacity to love life, beginning with love and forgiveness for one's self in order to love and forgive all men. We have remembered the words of the great Mexican poet, Amado Nervo: 'All my being is an act of faith; all my being is an act of love.'"

Excerpts from the Epistle from the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends were read:

"Confident that God's revelation of Himself and His Will for us is not complete but continuing, in our sessions we have sought new dimensions for our ministry, new patterns of organization for our work, new opportunities in our schools, new fields for Christian education and outreach, new ways to witness and work for peace. And in this seeking it has become clear to us that our best plans, our most efficient organization, our cleverest techniques, are without virtue, indeed may be corrupted to evil, unless they are infused with a love which knows no enemy, seeks no reward, admits no fatigue or discouragement and finds inspiration without end in that Divine Love which it reflects."

The following Friends were introduced and welcomed to our sessions:
- Harold Chance (Cambridge Monthly Meeting) and his wife, Waneta Chance (South Hampton Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania)
- Sarah Hall, Barnesville Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting
- Mary Campbell, Norristown Monthly Meeting, now living in Flagstaff, Arizona
- Marguerite Kahn, Vancouver Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the Tuesday morning session were approved as read.

The Bulletin Committee report was read as published in the July-August, 1961, Friends Bulletin. Further discussion of the report
revealed that the Bulletin costs about $2.50 per subscription to publish. Friends are asked to keep this figure in mind when sending their payments to Esther Richards, editor. One Friend reminded us that contributions to the Bulletin are in a category which allow us all to become "large contributors".

Jaula Hurn, Young Friends page for this session at the Yearly Meeting was introduced and welcomed to the desk.

1961-6 The Meeting approved the recommendation from the Interim Committee that Floyd Schne be letters to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki expressing the Yearly Meeting's sense of identity with the suffering inflicted by the use of the atom bomb on their cities. Upon consultation with the clerks the letter is to be sent without further referral to the floor of the Yearly Meeting.

1961-7 The following recommendation from the Education Committee was approved:

...that the Yearly Meeting Education Committee consist of the chairman of the regional (Quarterly and Half Yearly) Education Committees, or Friends appointed by those bodies, plus three members-at-large. These Friends are to consult together preceding the spring Interim Committee meeting. At Interim they are to present a plan for Yearly Meeting, which could be either (or both) of the following: the presence of a special resource person in education at Yearly Meeting; a discussion on a topic or problem of education of interest to all, to be scheduled at a general session or at an interest group. The Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee will name the three members-at-large and designate one member of the Education Committee as chairman.

1961-8 The Meeting considered a report from the Policy and Procedure Committee established by the Interim Committee at the March 1961 Meeting. Those portions of the report which were approved follow:

I. The Purpose of Yearly Meeting - some reminders.

(1) "The Yearly Meeting shall meet annually to hear and act upon the concerns of its members, to review the State of the Society, to consider communications addressed to it and receive written reports from its committees and constituent meetings signed by the proper officers .... The Yearly Meeting shall exercise general oversight and care of the constituent meetings in things pertaining to the Society as a whole." The Discipline of Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1957.

(2) "We function according to the leading of the Spirit which leads us into unity: if we set up too detailed machinery we can cut ourselves off from that leading. All we need is some way to deal with the too impulsive, or someone who
hasn't understood the need to seek unity." (Catherine Bruner)

(3) "I hope we will always realize and give ample time to the extremely important function of Yearly Meeting ... the gathering together for worship and friendly fellowship ... how much we need these times of quiet submission to feel His power and love. Perhaps this function of Yearly Meeting needs to be emphasized more and business proceedings curbed and simplified." (Ruth Schae)

(4) "Pacific Yearly Meeting has been and still is a place where a member can speak his real concerns, make suggestions and ask questions." (Harold Carson)

(5) "It (the Yearly Meeting) is cautioned against becoming over-organized and thus expending in merely maintaining a mechanical system energies which should be conserved for the advancement of truth." The Book of Discipline, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1942.

(6) "Very rarely indeed, do we anticipate a special revelation of concern to arise all at once at a Yearly Meeting session; what happens much more frequently, is an abused prerogative of 'spiritual diadoguery' under the guise of some concern....this must not mean that we neither ever expect or do not allow for 'light to break through'." (Walt Raitt)

(7) "In general I favor having 'seasoned' concerns which have weathered the subordinate meetings come to the Yearly Meeting general sessions....I do not feel that having 'seasoned' concerns come to the YM sessions means that these sessions will not be creative and open." (Margaret Jump)

(8) "The evolution of the Book of Discipline is a testimony to the power of the Quaker method in educating and sensitizing conscience....in a large measure the Quaker form of church government succeeded in securing a reasonable balance between freedom and order. Without some authority over the individual the movement would certainly have disintegrated....without considerable liberty the Society of Friends would have crystallized into a formal system. The adjustment depended upon group authority over the individual tempered by individual initiative in affecting the judgement of the group....If this Quaker method of arriving at unity does not succeed, the difficulty is generally due to some members who have not achieved the right attitude of mind and heart....those who come to the meeting not so much to discover Truth as to win acceptance of their opinions may find that their views carry little weight .... No one person sees the whole Truth, and the whole Meeting can see more of Truth than can any part of it .... the object-ive of the Quaker method is to discover Truth which will satisfy everyone more fully than did any position previously held." (Howard Brinton, Friends for Three Hundred Years, Harper Brothers, New York, 1952. See Chapter 6 on "Reaching Decisions", also published as Tendle Hill Pamphlet #65.)
We recommend that the Discipline Committee use the above statements and any others they see fit to use to rewrite that part of the Discipline titled "The Yearly Meeting" beginning on page 18 and concluding on page 19 of the 1957 edition. We feel there is general agreement that emphasis on our search for Truth and Divine Guidance as stated in the first paragraph of the Foreword should take precedence over "Business" matters.

II. The Function of the Interim Committee: (This portion of the report was read to the Yearly Meeting session for information and as a reminder to representatives appointed to Interim Committee. No action of the Meeting was required.)

(1) As the Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings take on a more established and interrelated pattern, the business of the Interim Committee should and, we believe, will reflect this orderliness within our total structure.

When problems of recognition, standards, membership and meeting oversight cannot be resolved satisfactorily at the regional or local level, those become the responsibility of the Interim Committee.

(2) The Agenda of the Yearly Meeting is the responsibility of the Clerks, who will consult with the Interim Committee and obtain its approval. The Agenda can be tentatively agreed upon in the Spring and developed for final approval in the August Interim Committee.

(3) We recommend that the Interim Committee consider:

(a) An Agenda carefully prepared by the Clerks beforehand.

(b) Seating those who are not specifically named as representatives apart from the appointed group to facilitate the business procedures.

(c) Some Friends have considered the size of the Interim Committee and have proposed that we reduce the size of the Interim Committee by asking each Monthly Meeting to send one rather than two representatives.

But we have discovered that this problem is not simple since it involves weighing the value of efficiency on the one hand and greater participation on the other. We need the help and advice of the Monthly Meetings and recommend that the Interim Committee refer this question to them for study.
III. Structure and Function of Committees

There seems to be general agreement that a restatement of the purpose and a review of the structure of all Yearly Meeting Committees would be appropriate at this time and that this task be continued by the Policy and Procedure Committee. This restatement should be based on relevant Yearly Meeting Minutes, and on our own experience and the way in which these committees have actually functioned.

IV. Procedure for Considering Concerns

We are aware of the "lines and levels" of concerns. We are reminded of the heavy responsibility the Clerk must assume in giving proper consideration to concerns brought before the Yearly Meeting.

We are also aware of the fact that not all personal concerns are appropriately brought to the floor of the Yearly Meeting sessions directly. We are in accord that our General Sessions should almost never be the place for initial presentation of a concern. In general we favor having "seasoned" concerns which have weathered the subordinate meetings or committees come to the floor of the Yearly Meeting general sessions.

We look with favor on the following ways in which a concern can be brought before Yearly Meeting:

(A) Interim Committee consideration. We favor a procedure which encourages individual Friends with concerns to confirm their leadings in their Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings and thence to the Interim Committee, if the concern is concurred in. The good order of Friends would suggest that confirming a concern by one's peers should be encouraged.

(B) Worship-Fellowship Groups to the Interim Committee.

(C) Special afternoon sessions for the consideration of vital issues and thence to the Interim Committee.

(D) By mimeographed material to members present after consideration by the Interim Committee.

(E) By an article in the Bulletin with the assumption that a Monthly or Quarterly Meeting has heard the concern and recommended wider presentation.

(F) At a regular scheduled session of the Yearly Meeting. Only under very exceptional circumstances do we feel that a concern should come directly to the floor of the General Session. When this is done we recommend that the Meeting hear
the concern stated briefly and directly and that no discussion be engaged in until the concern thus presented orally can be written in approximately 100 words and given to the Clerks and/or Interim Committee for further consideration at a later session if it seems appropriate to do so.

(G) A standing committee of the Yearly Meeting serves as another excellent "seasoning" center and a means of bringing a concern to the floor of the Yearly Meeting.

It was reported that Lois and Harry Bailey and their children, on an assignment in Tanganyika for the AFSC, had met with an automobile accident. Presumably not of a critical nature, the distress attendant on a new assignment by this incident, causes us to keep the Bailey family in our loving and prayerful thoughts.

The Meeting sang a joyous "Happy Birthday" to Ruth Wendt and after a brief period of worship adjourned at 9:35 to reconvene Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, August 9, 1961, 10:15 a.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship. One Friend spoke of our need to be tender with words, to sharpen our understanding of how we use words and to cherish the symbols of our culture; to remain open to fresh interpretations of old concepts in our religious heritage.

"When you look for it, there is nothing to see. When you listen for it, there is nothing to hear. When you live with it, it is inexhaustible."

Excerpts from the Epistle of the Netherlands Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends were read:

"The essence of our Quaker faith is the personal and corporate awareness of God, which we must experience time and again if our faith is to be vital. . . . Realizing this, we shall learn better to understand our mutual differences, and perhaps even to appreciate them and thus reach a deeper unity."

The following Friends were introduced and welcomed to our sessions:

- Kenneth Kirkpatrick, previously with the AFSC and with the Urban Renewal program in Des Moines, Iowa.

- Mary Alice Azeltine, Whittier Friends Church, California Yearly Meeting.

- Donald and La Vonne Burdick of Hinkley, California.

- Earl and Inez Voorhees, Whittier Friends Church, California Yearly Meeting.

- Mahlon and Esther Harvey, Paris.

Minutes of the Tuesday evening session were read and approved.

Ed Sanders reported on his visit to Cuba Yearly Meeting in April, 1961. He carried a minute from Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight to Cuba Yearly Meeting and brought us a message from their annual session expressing great joy in his visit and a prayer for the growth of peace and goodwill between our two countries.

1961-9 The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Cuba Yearly Meeting expressing our appreciation for their letter to us.
Arthur Vail reported for the Social Order Committee on the Race Relations Conference held at Earlham College in June, 1961. This conference was called by the FWC and attended by Arthur and Edith Vail, who were sent by the La Jolla Monthly Meeting. Friends from all regions of the United States gathered to examine the relationship of our Quaker testimony to our practice in the field of race relations. The letter from the conference chairman, Frank S. Loescher, to Friends Meetings in America was read and will be mimeographed and made available to attenders of this annual session.

Russell Jorgenson, Berkeley Monthly Meeting, introduced the afternoon discussion on the Freedom Riders when he described how this religious concern of Cecil Thomas, Russell and Mary Jorgenson grew into an action of considerable magnitude.

William Taylor reported for the Incorporation Committee. Copies of the proposed Incorporation and By-Laws had been circulated previously. Recommendations for action were read to the Meeting and posted on the official bulletin boards pending later action in this annual session.

James Riddles, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the report of this Committee to the Meeting. This report of suggested names for officers and committees will be posted and final consideration given at a later session.

Harold Carson, Clerk, announced that circumstances make it necessary for him to leave the Yearly Meeting sessions at this time. He turned the Meeting over to the care of the remaining Clerks with Assistant Clerk, James Dewees, presiding.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, August 9, 1961, 7:35 p.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Five Years Meetings of Friends were read:

"We are called to witness and to serve in the name and in the Spirit of Christ who is central in our faith and in our emphasis. To fill the Society of Friends with new life and power to carry our message to the whole world, 'our calling to fulfill', - THIS is the challenge that has come to us. We have rejoiced at the evidences of new life and power that are already manifest. . . . Alone we have no power. Only through God can we do our job. Our share is to prepare our hearts and minds to be the instruments of God's great purposes."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Friends Southwest Conference meeting in Livingston, Texas, were read:

"We have found a real sense of unity above our differences. It is our prayer that the same spirit of oneness will permeate the Society as a whole helping us see beyond old walls."

As memorials were read or spoken for the following Friends we saw mirrored those better parts of our nature and felt the strength of our continuity as a Society:

1. Grace Peterson of University Monthly Meeting
2. Lewise Langston of Claremont Monthly Meeting
3. Andrew Erskine of Berkeley Monthly Meeting
4. Carl Schott and Ivy Schott of Claremont Monthly Meeting
5. Gilbert Bowles of Honolulu Monthly Meeting
6. Patrick Lloyd of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
7. Alice Garwood of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting

We were lifted up by the memory of these Friends who have left their imprint on our corporate and individual lives.

The Minutes of the Wednesday Morning session were read and approved.
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1961-10  Catherine Bruner, Chairman of the Discipline Committee, gave a report for that Committee. Copies of the report were made available at the close of the meeting and a copy will be attached to the official minutes. The Meeting approved the Queries which were printed and distributed at the 1960 Yearly Meeting and which have been used this past year.

It was announced that a reprint of the 1957 Discipline will be issued containing a supplement with corrections and additions made according to the 1956-1961 Yearly Meeting minutes. Later new and tentative material will be sent to Monthly Meetings for study and revision before final submission to the Yearly Meeting. A brief section of Advises to accompany the Queries is being prepared for later consideration.

David Bruner, Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting, announced that the 1962 Yearly Meeting will be held at Bethany Bible College, near Santa Cruz, California, from August 13-18.

It was announced that the 1962 March Interim Committee will meet in San Francisco, March 24-25, 1962.

1961-11  The following minute was presented by the Social Order Committee and approved by the Meeting:

Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes its encouragement of the exercise of responsible freedom. It regrets the undermining of civil liberties as exemplified by the 1961 non-disloyalty affidavit of the State of Arizona. Barbara Elfbrandt, a member of Pima Monthly Meeting, is contesting the law - up to the Supreme Court if necessary - in an important test case. Pacific Yearly Meeting extends to her its loving care and urges Monthly Meetings to contribute towards expenses incumbent in this action.

Contributions should be sent to Richard Gorby, Treasurer
Emergency Committee to Defend Liberties of Arizona Public Employees
2648 North Fair Oaks
Tucson, Arizona

Anna Brinton gave the report for the American Friends Service Committee.

The Committee is at present surveying its history, structure, current projects and its relationship to the Society of Friends.

Anna Brinton gave us a sparkling, thoughtful and incisive glimpse of the Committee's hope for the next decade:
In the area of breaking down barriers of communication, the Committee hopes to continue its present efforts exemplified by the work at the United Nations, International Student Seminars and Seminars for diplomats.

How will our Yearly Meetings rally the people of the right talent who are filled with "divine ordinariness"?

"We need not despair or limit our hopes."

The Committee will continue to work for Peace and against War. "We must help our government become the architect of peace."

Friends have a deep responsibility to help us to become a "country of good report."

The Committee will continue to be available to the government for consultation on the Peace Corps; work in the areas of integration; assume continuing responsibility for the American Indian's problems. (The Indian Committee was the first actual committee of Friends in America.)

"We will try not to expand beyond our capacity to manage."

"The exercise of our faith is our business."

"We want to make our lives a demonstration of what we believe."

With Joseph John Gurney "We pray that we may have a more fervent sense of our inspiring and demanding vocation."

Emmett Gulley reported on the work of the American Friends Service Committee with the Klamath Indians in Oregon. He gave us background information about the problem and referred to Friends' long association with Indian affairs. The problems of forced assimilation and termination were brought to our attention. He outlined what we have learned about termination in the work with the Klamath Indians which will likely set the pattern for other tribes:

(1) There should be no hasty "dump the Indian" program.
(2) There should be no breaking of treaty rights.
(3) All Indian claims should be processed before termination.
(4) There should be adequate and practical preparation for termination.
(5) Decisions which affect the Indians should involve the Indian in the area where he lives.

He spoke hopefully of the way in which the Klamath Indians had accepted their new responsibilities and also of the way in which educational programs are beginning to improve.
The Peace Committee Report was circulated with instructions to Friends to study it in preparation for consideration at the Thursday morning Meeting.

A letter to the Harry Bailey family, drafted by Gretchen Rudnick, was approved and placed at the Clerk's table for Friends to sign.

After a period of worship the Meeting adjourned to reconvene Thursday morning at 10:15.

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Thursday Morning, August 10, 1961

The Meeting opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle from the North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) were read:

"There is much in the world today to bring despair to the hearts of men. The uncertainties and cares which seem to press in from all directions often tend to give rise to doubts. Differences which divide men seem to be as a great chasm which will not permit reconciliation. With sorrow we view the unwillingness of nations to seek relief at the Source of all Power but rather put their trust in great armaments which in the end can only bring destruction. Yet, as we have gathered together in unity of mind and purpose and have sought to turn our hearts inward, we have been strengthened and have come away to find that the day is a little brighter and that the true seeker will be given all needed aid as he is obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit."

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Southeastern Conference of the Religious Society of Friends held at St. Petersburg, Florida, were read:

"As part of the world-wide community of Friends, we send our loving greetings, relying on the promise in Isaiah: "I, the Lord, will hold thy right hand saying unto thee: Fear not. I will help thee.'"

Minutes of the Wednesday evening Meeting were read and approved.

Henry Lohmann called our attention to the current activities of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Friends Committee on Legislation (California). He reported
1961-16 The Meeting approved the recommendation of the Peace Committee that the procedure for transmitting funds to the Friend in Washington Project be streamlined. If Monthly Meetings and individuals mail checks made payable to the Friends Committee on National Legislation to the chairman of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee for recording, these could be then sent directly to Washington. The matter of tax exemption could be met individually in conscience. Those who wished to do so could send their contributions directly to the FCNL in Washington and send a memo to the Peace Committee Chairman at the same time.

1961-17 Present regulations of the University of California allow students who wish to apply for exemption from military training to do so by filing certain forms designated for this purpose. Since the present regulations require a three months waiting period during which students are expected to take military training awaiting approval of their request, the Yearly Meeting instructed the Clerk to write a letter to President Clark Kerr of the University requesting a change in this procedure. A draft of the letter was approved by the Meeting and will be attached to the official Clerk's minutes.

Friends were reminded that those who wish to continue to participate in the 1% tax to the United Nations should make their checks payable to the United Nations and send them to the Champaign-Urbana Meeting in Illinois.

The Peace Committee presented a proposal that the Yearly Meeting endorse a Friend in the Orient project. Friends were asked to read and discuss this proposal as prepared by Floyd Schmoe and return to another session of the Yearly Meeting to be added to the agenda at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

After a brief period of worship the Meeting adjourned to reconvene at 4:00.
Thursday, August 10, 1961, 4:00 p.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle from the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Barnesville, Ohio, were read:

"We have been reminded of the power of love and its application to the solution of problems. Too often this is neither recognized nor tapped. An increasing awareness of the world as a neighborhood has made us sensitive to all mankind as a part of God's creation."

1961-18 James Riddles, Chairman, gave the Nominating Committee report, which was approved by the Meeting. A copy of the report will be attached to the official minutes.

1961-19 The Meeting approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to add the chairmen of the regional Peace Committees to the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee.

The Minutes of the Thursday morning Meeting were read and approved.

1961-20 The Meeting approved the appointment of Clarence Cunningham as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 1961-1962 year.

Harriett Schaffran, Chairman of the Peace Committee, continued the report of that Committee.

1961-21 The Meeting recommends that we endorse the Friend in the Orient project contingent on funds being available outside of the regular budget of the Yearly Meeting.

1961-22 The Meeting recommends that the Northwest Half-Yearly Meeting appoint the Committee of Oversight for this project, collect funds from the members of Pacific Yearly Meeting and other sources, and appoint the family to undertake it.

1961-23 The Meeting endorsed the project of a Gandhian Library for Korea which originated as a concern of a member of the Los Angeles Monthly Meeting and was endorsed by the Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting.

1961-24 The Meeting recommends that the committee set up by the Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting to collect books on Gandhi and distribute them to the libraries and colleges in South Korea be named as a Subcommittee of the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee. The collection of
funds to carry out the project will be in the hands of this committee, which is to consist of Sang Dal Cha, Bill Wright, Walt Raitt, and Goldie Harasta.

1961-25 The Meeting approved the following minute recommended by the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee:

"We of Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committee commit ourselves to examine our hearts and minds, seeking Divine guidance in the matter of a true dedication to the cause of peace. From such a dedication we feel certain that an even deeper commitment can arise. The witness to peace is bringing forth many responses, some tried and tested in the manner of early Friends, some new and unfamiliar in their approach. We urge Friends to act to their capacity with the knowledge and the faith of the support and loving care of other Friends, when Friends have tested their leading in the way Friends are accustomed to do: that is, by the life of Jesus and by taking counsel with the Meeting.

"Friends have generally supported the November 1960 Vigil at the Pentagon. We believe that public witness activities of many kinds can be appropriate expressions of and ways of communicating our understanding of what God demands of us. We look forward to the time when Friends generally will accept public witness as a regular part of our activities for peace.

(a) We express unity in believing that:

(1) Some Friends will continue to feel led to engage in public witness activity.

(2) Such witness may be a natural outgrowth of religious concern for peace.

(3) Therefore such witness should be supported as a means of expressing that concern.

(b) We recommend that Pacific Yearly Meeting consider the following actions:

(1) That the Yearly Meeting encourage meetings for worship, ministry and public witness at the Monthly, Quarterly and Half-Yearly, or Yearly Meeting level when Friends at such levels are ready.
(2) The encouragement and assistance of Friends with particular peace concerns to visit other meetings and to represent their concerns before other appropriate Friends groups and meetings, when they bear a minute from their Monthly Meetings.

(3) The appointment of a time at Yearly Meeting or other occasions when Friends actively concerned with prophetic witness will meet, to undertake a study of nonviolent action, including some definition of the terms involved; motivations, techniques and experiences of participants; dangers and values of some of the different kinds of action; and queries and advice for those contemplating such action. Such a report could be presented to the subsequent Yearly Meeting and might prove helpful enough to circulate to other Friends meetings across the country.

1961-26 The Yearly Meeting expressed approval of and offered a Minute of approval to the Monthly Meetings to Ross Flanagan's expression of his peace concern, and encouraged Friends meetings or individuals concerned to give those visits their financial support. His purpose is to stimulate deeper consideration among Friends as to the contemporary meaning and significance of the Peace Testimony. Recognizing that Berkeley Meeting, as his home Meeting, has assumed care and guidance, the Yearly Meeting endorsed his proposed visits to Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting, and his intention during his visits to witness himself, and with those local Friends who feel led to join him in ways which seem appropriate to the peace concern of Friends.

Ross Flanagan indicated that his intent was:

(1) To meet with interested Friends in an effort to revitalize the Peace Testimony.
(2) To visit newspapers, radio stations, etc. with concerned Friends to encourage them to broaden their coverage of issues relating to peace and disarmament.
(3) To meet with Friends who wish to engage in witnessing after consultations with local Friends Meetings in the area.
(4) To engage in personal witnessing in keeping with the wishes of the local Meetings.

Friends expressed their gratitude to Ross Flanagan and the Berkeley Meeting for their willingness to undertake this action.
The total report of the Peace Committee has reflected many long hours of prayerful consideration and participation by a widely representative group of Friends in this Yearly Meeting. Our desire to move forward in implementing our concerns in this area has been marked by an attitude of sober study which some Friends feel is indicative of our sense of deep unity and deliberate action.

1961-27 The Clerk was instructed to write an appropriate minute for Ross Flanagan in light of our endorsement of his concern.

The Meeting adjourned to reconvene at 8:30 Thursday evening.

Thursday, August 10, 1961, 8:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) were read:

"We need to be as diligent in cultivating our minds and hearts toward spiritual growth as we are in preparing material things for our physical comfort."

A letter from Helen Lawson, Canadian Yearly Meeting, who attended our 1960 sessions, was read, conveying our blessings on our deliberations this year.

The Minutes of the Thursday afternoon session were read and approved.

1961-28 The Meeting approved the formation of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation.

1961-29 The Meeting approved the adoption of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation as attached to these Minutes.

1961-30 The Meeting approved the appointment of Trustee-Incorporators and authorized them to complete legal action.

The Nominating Committee was asked to name the Trustees.

1961-31 The Meeting approved the annual Trustee budget estimated at $100.00 for filing fees, correspondence, postage, etc., but excluding insurance premiums or professional legal fees, including current budget items.
The Meeting directed the Trustees to take the following action:

(a) Secure appropriate Pacific Yearly Meeting liability insurance.

(b) Recommend to the Interim Committee policy for Pacific Yearly Meeting acceptance of gifts and bequests.

(c) Recommend to the Interim Committee policy of the Pacific Yearly Meeting on trust funds.

(d) Establish a file of organizational and corporation documents of Monthly Meetings, schools, etc., associated with or under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting. If inconsistencies of purpose and/or procedures become apparent, make recommendations to coordinate various incorporation documents. Provide general oversight and legal resource counsel for Pacific Yearly Meeting.

(e) Recommend changes in Pacific Yearly Meeting Discipline to cover incorporation organization to the Discipline Committee.

Friends suggested that the Queries be read in the Worship-Fellowship groups at our next annual session.

The Meeting approved the following minute which came forward from the Special Interest Group on the "Freedom Riders."

"In view of the heavy personal sacrifices which have been made, and will be forthcoming during their retrials, by its three Freedom Riders, the Pacific Yearly Meeting urges individual contributions towards expenses (both legal and travel) of Russell and Mary Jorgenson and Cecil Thomas; money to be sent to the Berkeley Monthly Meeting, c/o Treasurer Irving Hogan, 130 Avenida Drive, Berkeley 8, California. Pacific Yearly Meeting gives its support and affection to these Friends as they return to Court next Monday, August 14, 1961, in Mississippi."

The following minutes from the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight were read to the Meeting for information:
(a) The two members of Salt Lake City Meeting have been struggling for two years with the burden of trying to carry on the responsibilities of a Monthly Meeting. The earlier plan of becoming a Preparative or Allowed Meeting still seems to them too difficult. They feel it would be better for the present that the Meeting be laid down after they have arranged the transfer of their memberships to other Monthly Meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting. Pacific Yearly Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight concurs in their decision and will assist these members in this plan and report to Interim Committee in the Spring.

(b) Pacific Yearly Meeting has referred the question of the best terms for describing kinds of membership to its Ministry and Oversight Committee. From infancy through old age we can be members of the Society of Friends but our gifts are different. The infant contributes by his fresh impact on our lives; the inactive older person by the inspiration of the inner life he has developed. When the time comes that we are ready to take on full responsibility for Meeting work, including financial responsibility, our Yearly Meeting records should show this change. We will consult with other Meetings and Young Friends to arrive at agreement on terms and report our progress at Interim Committee Meeting, Spring, 1962. After discussion with the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight it is their suggestion that younger Friends be called Junior Members until they are ready to make a decision about assuming full adult responsibility.

The Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace asked the Meeting to send three delegates to the Friends National Conference on World Order to be held at Earlham College, October 23-25, 1961. The Meeting encouraged the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee to consider ways to send the three delegates invited. The Peace Committee is to name the delegates if funds or means of travel are found.

A letter from the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs was referred to the Indian Committee for consideration with a suggestion that they bring a recommendation to the Interim Committee, March, 1962.

1961-34 The Meeting approved the Nominating Committee recommendations of the following Trustee-Incorporators of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation:
Chester Spurrier was named as an alternate in the event that any of the above could not serve or were not members of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting received an offer from an anonymous Friend to make a gift of the microfilmed copies of the Swarthmore papers to Whittier College in the name of Pacific Yearly Meeting. There are only four colleges in the United States which have this collection in their libraries: Harvard, Haverford, Swarthmore and Earlham. This collection includes the twenty volumes of early Friends papers.

1961-35 The Yearly Meeting accepted this generous offer with alacrity and enthusiasm. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Robert O'Brien, who transmitted the offer, accepting this gift with our deep appreciation.

1961-36 Robert Young gave the Treasurer's report, which is attached to the official minutes. The Treasurer noted that the night-blooming cereus on the Clerk's desk was about to lend sweetness to his report. The Meeting accepted this report with appreciation. Monthly Meetings were reminded that half the obligations to the Yearly Meeting budget should be sent in by December 31, 1961 and the second half by June 30, 1962.

1961-37 Ellis Jump, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget for 1961-62. A copy of the budget will be attached to the official minutes and will be published in the Bulletin. The Meeting approved the Budget as presented.

1961-38 The following recommendations from the report of the Finance Committee were approved by the Yearly Meeting:

(1) That henceforth the collection or transmittal of funds for political action such as the FCNL be the responsibility of individual members or of local Meetings, if they choose, rather than the Yearly Meeting.
(Individual members should be advised that contributions to this excellent Quaker work, the FCNL, may not be claimed as tax deductions. If local Meetings permit contributions to be channeled to such organizations officially classed as lobbyists, they should also consider whether the size of their contribution is "substantial" in the judicial sense, that is, more than 10-15% of their total financial operation.)

(2) With respect to our "concerns" or optional budget, we recommend to the program committees of the Yearly Meeting that they interpret approval of any concern by the General Sessions of the interim Committee as an authorization to solicit funds rather than an appropriation or guarantee.

(3) With respect to our operating or obligatory budget, we recommend to Monthly Meetings that their annual contribution to the Yearly Meeting be included in the budget of each local Meeting and that payments be scheduled quarterly or at least semi-annually in accordance with the Minute of the March 1961 Interim Committee. The amount due from each local Meeting is based on the rate of $5 for each name of an adult member reported to the Yearly Meeting Secretary on June 1.

(4) Because travel costs have steadily risen during the past few years, we recommend that Friends give careful consideration to ways in which to reduce travel costs in our budget. In studying the problems related to the size of the Interim Committee, it is suggested that the problem of cost and participation be carefully weighed.

The following question was presented by the Finance Committee for the consideration of Friends in the Yearly Meeting:

"If for some reason the Yearly Meeting should fail to raise its total operating budget, what policy do you suggest for your Finance Committee? Should we curtail the August Interim Committee travel allowance? Discharge one or more of our standing committees? Discontinue the Bulletin for several issues? This year Monthly Meetings contributed at the rate of $3.75 per member, but we operate at the rate of $5.00 per member. What are your instructions?"

Asenath Young, our 1961 Registrar, reported to the Meeting. There have been 482 registered attenders at the 1961 sessions. Of this number, 99 are under 12 years of age. Over 100 came without any previous registration as requested by the Arrangements Committee. If this is typical Friend's behavior in this matter, the Clerk suggested that perhaps we might develop some atypical behavior for another session.
Friends expressed an enthusiastic appreciation for being at an annual session where "the mechanics showed so little." The Minutes of this session were read and approved. The Meeting adjourned to reconvene Friday morning at 8:30.

Friday, August 11, 1961 8:45 a.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship.

Excerpts from the Epistle of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends were read:

"We must cease from laying the foundation for repentance from dead works, for now is the time to move on into maturity with hearts undaunted, firmly fixed in the 'Salvation' through Him who is the 'only Foundation'. Therefore, it is with great hope and expectation that we urge Friends everywhere to arise to build in the Kingdom of God while 'The Light shines!'"

Excerpts from the Epistle of Switzerland Yearly Meeting were read:

"No more important responsibility and opportunity lies before our Society today and its individual members than to be sensitive to the 'Day of the Lord's appointing' in the lives of men and women wherever and whenever we may encounter it. If we are to serve our Heavenly Father effectively by translating His life and power, we must speak to the people at the very root of their being, if need be at the moment when they may be transformed from desperation to the sure knowledge of spiritual reality."

Asceneth Young, registrar, repeated a report given to the Yearly Meeting session Thursday evening in order to bring this information to a larger number of Friends.

Young Friends entered the Meeting and joined us to share their Minutes and Epistle.

1961-39 The Minute of Approval for Ross Flanagan endorsing his Peace concern was read and approved.

The Young Friends Junior Yearly Meeting Clerk, William Bruff, Jr., presided for this portion of the general session.
1951-40 Kristina-etter, Recording Clerk, read the Minutes of the Young Friends Junior Yearly Meeting Interim Committee and their General Sessions. Copies of these minutes will appear in the official Yearly Meeting Minutes. Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted these Minutes and reports, and Friends were impressed with the ability of Young Friends to manage their affairs in the "good order of Friends." We look forward to other annual sessions when we will not be separated in our physical setting.

1951-41 Nina Dodd, Chairman of the Epistle Committee, read the Epistle from the Young Friends Junior Yearly Meeting. A copy will be attached to the official Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

1951-42 The 1961 Epistle of Pacific Yearly Meeting was read and approved. A copy is attached to the official Yearly Meeting Minutes.

The Meeting sent its blessings, both tangible and intangible, with the Freedom Riders, Russell and Mary Jorgenson and Cecil Thomas, who were about to leave for Mississippi for re-trial.

1951-43 The Meeting adjourned for an interval of one hour, reconvened for a Meeting for Worship, after which the Clerk read the Closing Minute:

"How can we describe what is in our hearts?

New Clerks, new location, new concerns, new friends combine with more familiar thoughts and faces to create the image of the 1951 Yearly Meeting sessions.

We have renewed the joy of the search for unity and gained the satisfaction of knowing that under the pressures we must acknowledge our decisions are the best we could do.

We want to acknowledge the inspiration of visiting Friends. We especially express our thanks for the understanding of any problems and sincere desire to accomplish their solution which all Friends have joined in.

And now, because of the restless and relentless surge of time, these sessions must take their place in the past, and we look forward to the next ones a year away. We adjourn to meet again in the redwoods, at Bethany Bible College, August 1962, Scotts Valley, California."

Harold Carson, Clerk

James Dowess, Assistant Clerk

Edwin C. Horgenroth, Recording Clerk
The 34 Meetings have reported that this year they had a total of 1,302 adult members on the first of June. In addition they reported 22 associate members and 706 attenders. 131 of these are members of other Meetings and some of these have sojourned minutes from their home Meetings.

The Meetings have added 61 members by convincing and application and 103 by transfer, but many of these were transfers from one to another of our own Meetings. The net increase is actually 95.

There were reported 1,258 children under the care of the Meetings. 375 of these are permanent members of the Meeting. 302 are junior members or associate members or have some other form of temporary membership. 581 are considered by their Meetings to be attenders.

27 Meetings reported the regular reading of the Queries. 22 have had First-Day schools for their children, and 27 reported a program of study for the adults.

Almost all of the Meetings have had activities related to peace. One Peace Committee meets and functions jointly with the Peace Committee of the California Yearly Meeting church in their town.

I would urge you to be sure that your Meetings have recorders rather than leaving the records as an extra burden for the Clerk. Meetings can help their Recorders by being diligent about keeping in touch with absent and inactive members so that contact is not lost.

Hildred Burck
Statistical Secretary
TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR, August 11, 1960 through August 4, 1961

### BEGINNING CASH (Incl. Reserves)

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### RECEIPTS:

- Contributions from Meetings: $4,483
- Contributions from individuals: $95
- Interest: $184
- Bulletin subscriptions: $1,721
- Use of reserves: $360
- Annual Session facilities contributions: $158
- Contributions for special concern - "Friend in Washington" program: $5,244 *(1)*
- Receipts from literature (net), Disciplines and Queries: $90
- Special Project Contributions:
  - Young Friends Travel (Peace Witness): $745
  - Additional delegate support - F.W.C. Kenya Meetings: $50
  - Individuals: $1,345
- TOTAL RECEIPTS: $13,426

### DISBURSEMENTS:

- Bulletin - Printing, salary and mailing: $2,804
- Yearly Meeting Session: $359
- Travel for delegates & officers (twice yrly.): $1,820
- Expenses of Clerk and Secretary: $293
- Young Friends Yearly Meeting - Budget (Washington Peace Witness) - Add. funds: $253
- Committees:
  - Discipline: $66
  - Ministry and Oversight, Visitation: $353 *(2)*
  - Peace: $67
  - Education: $100
  - Indian Affairs: $40
  - Social Order: $100
  - Meeting House Fund: $13
- Conferences:
  - Kenya - Budget: $550
  - Kenya - Additional Funds: $1,345
  - Other: $250
- Contributions:
  - Young Friends Committee of North America: $25
  - Friends World Committee - General: $300
  - Contributions World Committee - U.N. Program: $100
  - Special Project - "Friend in Washington" Program: $5,244 *(1)*
- TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: $13,192

### Ending Cash Balances (General $1,540, Reserve $2,045, Bulletin $181)

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### Notes:

1. $398 sent directly from Meetings or individuals in FYM to FCNL, the program administrators, for a total of $5,642.
2. Budget: Ministry $300, Visitation $100. Reported in total because of overlapping expenditures this year.
The first Young Friends interim meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 1961. Bill Bruff, the clerk, reminded us that this was Hiroshima Day.

Minute 1: Connie Jump, assistant recording clerk, read the minutes of Young Friends' March interim meeting held last March 25 and 26. Many of the plans outlined in the minutes had been altered, so the clerk gave us a detailed account of the changes. He began by listing those adults who would lead our various discussion sessions and gave us a general idea of the topics to be covered in the discussion groups.

Minute 2: A letter from Stuart Innerst was read expressing his regret at not being able to meet again with the Young Friends at Pacific Yearly Meeting as he had hoped.

Minute 3: It was suggested that, as neither David Thomas nor Richard Sanders could fill the position of assistant clerk for the junior high school group, Ellen Thatcher play a double role as both junior high recording clerk and assistant clerk.

Minute 4: After having a great deal of trouble trying to track down advisors for the junior high and senior high groups, we have finally found a few willing people. Mary Etter and Emily Burns are junior high advisors and Hal Stallings and Saunny Silverman are senior high advisors.

Minute 5: The clerk reviewed the rules the Young Friends are asked to observe in order to cooperate with the regulations of Westmont College and Pacific Yearly Meeting.

1) There is to be no driving by Young Friends. A special bus has been rented and will provide all transportation for the junior high and senior high groups.
2) Smoking is not permitted in the dormitories but may only be done on the pavement out of the vicinity of trees and underbrush.
3) There is to be no food above the first floor in Emerson Hall.
4) Meal hours should be strictly observed.
5) There is to be no dancing on the campus.
6) Parents are responsible for those Young Friends who do not attend scheduled activities.
7) The curfew hour will vary with each night's activities. After the lights out bell rings people may talk but must do so quietly. There are to be no people leaving their rooms to visit others.
8) If possible rooms should be kept quiet during the day as there is a family living in Emerson Hall, and some people may want to sleep. Instruments should not be played in Emerson Hall after 9:00 p.m. but there is plenty of room for singing and instrumental groups outside.

Minute 6: The clerk suggested that advisors be appointed on a one-year rather than a two-year basis, as we have had increasing trouble locating people. It was suggested that nominating committee contact the adults chosen to be advisors before the end of Yearly Meeting.
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Minute 7: Paula Hurn is in charge of recreation. It was asked that those interested in assisting her in making plans for recreation meet at breakfast Monday morning.

Minute 8: Unfortunately we were unable to find a work project. However, our schedule was found to be sufficiently full without one.

Minute 9: There is a committee of ministry and council which consists of Nina Dodd, Paula Hurn, Bill Bruffi, and Connie Jump as an alternate. This committee is concerned with discipline, efficient organization, and any unexpected problems which may arise.

Minute 10: The clerk proposed that the following committees be taken into consideration: a finance committee with a finance chairman appointed by nominating committee; nominating committee; a peace committee; a committee to work on a possible exchange program with Young Friends in the East and in foreign countries; a bulletin committee to work on improved communications between the Young Friends on the West Coast, which would include correspondents from the different areas of Pacific Yearly Meeting; an epistle committee; and an arrangements committee to make suggestions to the officers of the type of activities we should have by exploring the facilities and limitations of the site of the next Yearly Meeting.

Minute 11: The question was raised whether nominating committee nominate the next nominating committee or should the nominating committee be chosen by the group as a whole on a volunteer basis? The clerk suggested that we try to keep appointments informal as long as the size of the group permitted it. Interim committee approved this suggestion.

Minute 12: The revised schedule was presented by the clerk. In going over the bus schedule and the schedule of recreation, discussion sessions, and business meetings, several more revisions were found necessary.

The meeting was finally brought to a silent close.

A second interim meeting was held on Monday, August 7, at 2:10 p.m.

Minute 1: Bill Bruffi, the clerk, suggested that the Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting draw up a booklet similar in purpose to Faith and Practice. Ruth Schmoe has agreed to help outline such a booklet. The booklet would describe suggested duties of officers and committees, cover the history of Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting, and could serve as a guide to those who were unfamiliar with Quaker procedures. The committee approved the suggestion.

Minute 2: The question was raised as to whether or not the Young Friends should try to finance their own Yearly Meeting program with the supervision of overseers from the adult meeting. It was suggested that, on the basis of the number of active members in the various meetings, each meeting donate a specified amount. No final conclusion was reached, and it was decided that the Young Friends decide as a group what would be most satisfactory.
Minute 3: The idea of trying to work out some kind of exchange program with Young Friends in the East and abroad was again brought up. It was suggested that it might be good to start within our own borders before trying to work out something on an international basis.

Minute 4: The Prideauxs' telephone bill for calls in connection with the trip to the Washington peace witness amounted to $15.64. It was decided that the finance committee decide upon the best way to reimburse the Prideauxs.

Minute 5: The committee discussed how the selecting of next year's officers should be conducted. It was felt that the idea of selecting officers in the vicinity of the site of Yearly Meeting might be a misleading one. The most qualified person should be considered, not his location. The committee decided that a nominating committee representing all areas was essential, but that there should be no geographical limitations on the choosing of the officers themselves.

All other business was held over until the first general business session.

Tuesday, August 8, the first general business meeting was held, following a half-hour meeting for worship.

Minute 1: Epistles from other Young Friends' yearly meetings were read.

Minute 2: The clerk went over the rules upon which the college and Pacific Yearly Meeting had decided.

Minute 3: The clerk read out of Faith and Practice on the duties and organization of committees.

Minute 4: The clerk asked for the approval of the committees which interim committee had suggested. He outlined the duties of these various committees. The meeting approved all suggested committees.

Minute 5: The meeting separated into its various geographical groups to select representatives for nominating committee. The following people were appointed and approved:

Eva Lu Goodwin, Santa Monica Meeting
5640 Calpine
Malibu, California

Carl Thatcher, Eugene Meeting
1812 Villard
Eugene, Oregon

Mitch Dodd, University Meeting
Route 5, Box 621
Everett, Washington

Ramone True, Palo Alto Meeting
300 Alpine Creek Road
La Honda, California
Terry Dewees, Phoenix Meeting
1928 West Mitchell Drive
Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting adjourned to divide into discussion groups. Half of the group met with Sam Benesch, who led a fascinating discussion on the subject of religious visions. The other group met with a panel consisting of Clarence Cunningham of Berkeley Meeting, Philip Wells from San Gabriel, California, and Holly Morgenroth from Corona Del Mar, California, which discussed a large variety of things which may conveniently be called social problems.

On Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., our next business meeting opened on a lively note as Ron Raitt led the group in singing.

Minute 1: Bill Bruff, the Clerk, read the Minute of Concern drafted by last year’s Young Friends Peace Committee.

Minute 2: The Clerk explained how it happened that it was possible for a number of West Coast Young Friends to attend the peace witness in Washington, D.C., which took place last November. Slides of the witness and of the group’s visit to New York and the United Nations were shown by Bill Bruff. A moving picture of the witness and a few humorous sidelines was shown by Alice Newton. Nina Dodd, Carl Thatcher and Kristina Etter told of their experiences on the vigil line outside the Pentagon and of their impressions of the peace witness.

On Wednesday, August 9, we again had a half hour meeting for worship, followed by a business meeting.

Minute 1: No committee was yet prepared to report to the meeting. It was announced that all committees would meet at the beach that night.

Minute 2: The Peace Committee asked that the group approve its decision to lengthen its title to Peace and Social Action Committee. The committee felt that some of its duties might not fall under the category of “peace.” The request met with the meeting’s approval.

Minute 3: The Clerk announced the activities planned for the day. Elinor Ashkenazy from Orange Grove was to speak on anti-communism to some of the senior high group, while Philip Wells and Holly Morgenroth were to continue with the other half of the group on their discussion of social problems. Clarence Cunningham was to meet with all the junior high group.
Howard and Anna Brinton, two Friends known to the Society of Friends throughout the world, were scheduled to meet with those Young Friends interested in various facets of Quakerism. This meeting would take place in the early afternoon. Following the Brintons would be a group of adults interested in Quaker higher education.

Minute 4: The minutes of all interim and business meetings held up to this time were read, revised and approved.

Minute 5: Two more epistles from Young Friends in other parts of the world were read.

The meeting adjourned to meet in the various discussion groups.

The last business session was held Thursday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Minute 1: Committee reports were asked for. Ministry and Council Committee spoke first, announcing that it would meet with three adults from the Ministry and Oversight Committee to see what helpful suggestions they might have.

Minute 2: The Finance Committee suggested that the budget for next year be $585. Young Friends Junior Yearly Meeting will try to raise $300 or more of this amount by setting a goal in each of the meetings according to the number of active Young Friends in each meeting.

Minute 3: The Nominating Committee reported. The following officers were approved:

Nina Dodd, Clerk  
Paula Hurn, Assistant Clerk  
Hope Dellinger, Recording Clerk  
Eva Lu Goodwin, Assistant Recording Clerk  
Janice Vogel, Junior High Clerk  
Alice Newton, Finance Chairman  

Sponsors:  
Senior High: Dorothy Proctor  
Junior High: Emily Burns, Kenneth Stevens

Minute 4: The Peace Committee presented a few of its concerns, among them its concerns about the significance of saluting the flag. It seemed to be the sense of the meeting that this problem was an individual one and that each person should work out his own separate solution to it.

Minute 5: A heated discussion on the planned activities of the afternoon and evening took place. Many Young Friends were interested in attending the afternoon adult session at which Russell Jorgensen, Mary Jorgensen, Cecil Thomas, and Steve Thoras were to speak on their experience with desegregation in the south, while others felt the desire to have an opportunity to rest from the very tight schedule. There was also a
difference in opinion on what should be done that evening. We had a choice between hearing a report from the Jorgensens and Thonases on the Freedom Riders and going to the fiesta in downtown Santa Barbara. It was finally decided that those with permission might attend the afternoon adult session while the rest of the Young Friends engaged in quiet activities such as sleeping or reading. Those with permission would go to the fiesta that night while the rest stayed behind to discuss the freedom rides.

Minute 6: A minute was given to Young Friends Junior Yearly Meeting by the Junior High School Meeting.

Wednesday, August 9, 1961 at 10:00 a.m. the Junior High Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting held a rather informal business session at Emerson Hall. We first discussed whether it would be more beneficial to join the High School discussion than to hold a discussion of our own. We decided to invite Clarence Cunningham as a resource person for our own group.

It was suggested that we organize some sort of crafts for those who had expressed an interest. A craft committee was formed consisting of Gordon Burke, Alison Lohans and Ellen Thatcher. The duty will be to arrange crafts for the remainder of this Yearly Meeting and for next year.

It was brought to the attention of the group that the Junior High is not sufficiently represented on some of the standing committees. The feeling seemed to be that the reason for this is that most Junior Young Friends were reluctant about serving on one of the committees.

After a business meeting, we have a stimulating discussion with Clarence Cunningham.

Ellen Thatcher, Junior High Clerk

The meeting adjourned. The senior high group met with Hugh Campbell Brown from Vancouver, B.C. to discuss religion, while the Junior High students met with Catherine Bruner from Delta Meeting. Both groups reported that they had very meaningful discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bruff, Clerk
Kristina Etter, Recording Clerk
EPISTLES RECEIVED BY PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference
Illinois Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference
New England Yearly Meeting
Baltimore Yearly Meetings (Stony Run and Homewood)
Yearly Meetings, Conservative
   Iowa
   Ohio
   North Carolina
Five Years Meeting, and Yearly Meetings:
   Indiana
   Iowa
   North Carolina
   Western
   Wilmington
   East Africa
   Jamaica
Kansas Yearly Meeting
Southeastern Conference
Southwestern Conference
Other than United States
   Canadian Yearly Meeting
   France Yearly Meeting
   Germany Yearly Meeting
   Netherlands Yearly Meeting
   Switzerland Yearly Meeting
   General Meeting for Australia
   General Reunion of Friends in Mexico
Discipline Committee Report

The Discipline Committee, being, by more than half, new in membership and having a new chairman since last Yearly Meeting, has had the usual difficulties in getting under weigh. After the meetings here with the development of thought that is only possible face to face, we hope to be able to advance toward the complete writing of a new edition of the Discipline which might be submitted for acceptance by the Yearly Meeting two years from now, in 1963.

The most pressing problem before us is the exhaustion of the 1957 edition. After a brief report on this point to the August, 1961, Interim Committee, the Discipline Committee was encouraged to go ahead with a plan to issue a reprint of the 1957 Discipline with a supplement containing corrections and revisions made according to the 1956-61 Yearly Meeting minutes. It was estimated that we need at least five hundred. We are accordingly asking the Finance Committee to include this cost in the 1961-62 Yearly Meeting budget with the expectation that most of it will be recovered as the Disciplines are sold.

Later new and tentative material will be sent to Monthly Meetings for study and revision before final submission to Yearly Meeting. We are working on a brief section of Advices to accompany the Queries and a larger section gathered from a variety of sources. We have inherited from the previous committee a somewhat larger statement than the present one on the history of the Society of Friends which we shall want to consider further before sending for a second time to Meetings. There is more needed on our faith, as Yearly Meeting has recognized. We have been directed, according to the Policy and Procedure report approved by the Yearly Meeting, to find the words to express more fully than has so far been done the purpose for which we come to Yearly Meeting.

Finally we are all reminded that the Queries which were printed and distributed at last Yearly Meeting and have been used this past year need formal approval by the Yearly Meeting.

Catherine Bruner, chairman
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS
August 1961

Presiding Clerk: Harold Carson (Eastside)
Assistant Clerk: Leonard Dart (Claremont)
Recording Clerk: Edwin Morgenroth (Orange Grove)
Reading Clerk: David Bruner (Delta)
Statistical Secretary: Mildred Burck (Willamette Valley)
Treasurer: Robert Young (Orange Grove)

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT
Ruth Schmoe, Chairman (University) 1962
Clara Shaw (Tacona) 1962
Norman Goerlich (Palo Alto) 1963
Clara Aurn (Phoenix) 1962
Dorothy Bruff (Whitleaf) 1962
Anna Janes (Berkeley) 1963
Elisha Kirk (Phoenix) 1963
Holly Morgenroth (Orange Grove) 1963
Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla) 1962

VISITATION COMMITTEE
Mary Etter, Chairman (Eugene)
Martha Dart (Claremont)
John and Henri Dorland (Orange Grove)
Douglas Hitchings (Vancouver)
Hilda Koch (Pima)
Ross and Laura Miles (Willamette)
Nedge and Ben Seaver (San Francisco)

BULLETIN COMMITTEE
Stephanie Ullman, Chairman (La Jolla)
Marie Clark (Phoenix)
James Estes (San Francisco)
Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
Ann Salyer (Pima)
Betty Peckham (Orange Grove)
Alice Plynton (Willamette)
Alice Miles (University)
Esther Richards, Editor (Ex-officio) (Multnomah)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
Catherine Bruner, Chairman (Delta)
Virginia Harris (San Francisco)
John Ullman (La Jolla)
Ferner Muhn (Claremont)
Edwin Sanders (Orange Grove)
Margaret Jump (Multnomah)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Olivia Davis, Chairman (La Jolla)
Helen Stevenson (Argenta)
Gay Turner (Pima)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vern Janes, Chairman (Palo Alto) 1962
Virgil Moore (Multnomah) 1962
Ross Miles (Willamette) 1962
John Levy (San Francisco) 1963
Hilda Seligman (University) 1963

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Herb Foster, Chairman (College Park)
Norman Goerlich (Palo Alto)
Chester Spurrier (College Park)
David Bruner (Deita)
Hallock Hoffman (Orange Grove)
Margarete Kahn (Vancouver)
Winnie Osta (Pima)
Henry Wade (San Luis Obispo)
Franklin Zahn (Claremont)

PEACE COMMITTEE

Harriet Schaffran, Chairman (Berkeley)
Ward Miles (University)
Hazel Legg (Vancouver)
Olin Byerly (Eugene)
Stanley Shaw (Tacoma)
Betsy Everhardt (Palo Alto)
Bill Wright (Orange Grove)
Scott Heath (Monterey)
San Tyson (Delta)
Joan Oehser (Berkeley)
John Levy (San Francisco)
Kay Newton (Phoenix)
Gladis Voorhees (La Jolla)
Egbert Hayes (Claremont)
Sang Dal Cha (Los Angeles)
Gertrude Bowles (Honolulu)
Bob Boyd (Argenta)

Bill Lang (Multnomah)
John Prideaux (Willamette)
Mildred McAlister (Salt Lake City)
Gordon Healton (Sacramento)
Peter Neeley (Santa Monica)
Betty Figueroa (Riverside-Redlands)
Bainbridge Bunting (Albuquerque)
Bryce Babcock (Santa Fe)
Chester Spurrier (College Park)
Dorothy Lash (Victoria)
Jin Heaston (San Luis Obispo)
Virginia Loinau (Santa Barbara)
William Bruff (Whiteleaf) (Calgary)
Walter Lohans (Fresno)
iyra Giese (San Fernando)
Barbara Elfbrandt (Pima)

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Sylvia Loomis, Chairman (Santa Fe)
Charles Davis (Fresno)
Beth Jansen (Claremont)
Al Kraner (San Fernando)
Henry Lohmann (San Francisco)
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Elsie Renee (Palo Alto)
John Salyer (Pina)
Russell Thornberg (Willamette)
Alice Shoemaker (Claremont)

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY

Caroline Estes, Chairman (San Francisco)
Margaret Lorenz (Vancouver)
Ed Thatcher (Eugene)

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES

Sylvia Loonis (Santa Fe)
Virginia Barnett (University)
Clifford Haser (Willamette)
Vern Janes (Palo Alto)

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION REPRESENTATIVES

Bruce Brown (Berkeley)
William Hanson (University)
Isabelle Hibbs (Pina)
David Neptune (La Jolla)

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Floyd Schmoe (University)
Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)
Gretchen Tuthill (La Jolla)
Frank DuBois (University)
Bob Vogel (Orange Grove)
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION.

ARTICLE II

This corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of Part I of Division 2 of Title I of the Corporations Code of the State of California, relating to non-profit corporations.

ARTICLE III

The specific business in which this corporation is primarily to engage is the receiving and holding of property, real and personal, of and for certain religious, beneficial, charitable and educational societies and associations, to-wit: the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; any of its subordinate Meetings and any association organized in sympathy with, and in aid of its, or their, religious, charitable, educational or benevolent objects under the control of said Yearly Meeting or any of its subordinate Meetings.

ARTICLE IV

The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

1. To acquire and receive property, both real and personal, by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, and to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise encumber or dispose of such property and all rights therein.
2. To borrow money, contract debts, and issue notes, bonds and other obligations, with or without security, and to lend money on security of mortgages, deeds of trust, pledges or other hypothecations of real or personal property, or without security.

3. To act as trustee under any trusts incidental to the objects of this corporation.

4. To make, enter into and perform, contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, including contracts of employment, with any person, firm, association or corporation, either public or private, or with any municipality, state, province or governmental agency.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as purposes and as powers, and it is hereby expressly provided that such enumeration shall not be held to limit or restrict the powers of this corporation.

ARTICLE V

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located in the City of Berkeley and County of Alameda, State of California.

ARTICLE VI

The number of incorporators of this corporation shall be seven (7) together with the presiding clerk and treasurer of Pacific Yearly Meeting as ex officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of trustees of this corporation until the selection of their successors as set forth in the By-Laws are as follows:
The number of trustees herein fixed shall constitute the number of
trustees of this corporation until changed by a duly adopted amend-
ment to these Articles of Incorporation or by a By-Law duly adopted
as herein provided.

ARTICLE VII

The authorized number and qualifications of the members of this
corporation, classes of membership, if any, property, decision-
making and other rights and privileges of membership and each class
thereof and the obligations of each or all classes shall be set
forth in the By-Laws duly adopted by this corporation and in any
amendments thereto.

ARTICLE VIII

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to
the benefit of or be distributed to any member, private shareholder
or individual and no substantial part of its activities shall be the
carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence
legislation. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation,
after paying or adequately providing for its debts and obligations,
the directors, trustees, or those in charge of its liquidation shall, in consultation with Pacific Yearly Meeting, distribute or apply all remaining assets, in such manner as they shall determine, for the benefit of one or more religious, educational, benevolent, fraternal, charitable and/or reformatory institutions to be selected by them, provided, however, that at the time of such distribution the institution or institutions to which such distribution is made shall be an organization or organizations exempt from taxation under the Bank and Corporation Tax Law of the State of California and from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IX

The general policies of this corporation shall be determined and established by the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The trustees shall take action and carry out corporation transactions on behalf of and as directed by the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

ARTICLE X

This corporation, acting only with the advice and consent of Pacific Yearly Meeting, reserves the right to amend, alter, change, add to or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred by these Articles of Incorporation on members, trustees and officers are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the presiding (Clerk) and Secretary (Recording Clerk) of the incorporators have hereunto set their hands this _____ day of ____________, 1961

Presiding (Clerk)  Secretary (Recording Clerk)
BY-LAWS OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION

SECTION I
PURPOSE

The primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is:

To hold, engage in, and support Meetings of Divine Worship according to the principles and practice of the Society of Friends as stated in the currently adopted Discipline of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

SECTION II
MEMBERSHIP

The members of this corporation shall be the appointed Trustees.

SECTION III
MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held at such time, and at such place, within or without the State of California, as designated by the annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting or officers charged with such responsibility acting for such annual session.

Special Meetings of the members may be called as designated by the Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting or officers charged with such responsibility acting for such annual session. Notice of such Special
Meetings shall be given in writing to all Trustees at least 30 days in advance of such Special Meeting and shall state the objects for which they are called.

At all corporation Meetings, a majority of Trustees shall have authority to do business.

SECTION IV

TRUSTEES

The number of Trustees of this corporation shall be seven (7) together with the presiding clerk and Treasurer of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Trustees shall be appointed from the Yearly Meeting membership at the annual Meeting of the Pacific Yearly Meeting. They shall hold office for three (3) years, or until their successors are appointed.

The Trustees shall take action and carry out corporation transactions on behalf of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends as may be directed by or with the approval of the Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Said Trustees shall meet at an Annual Meeting concurrent with Pacific Yearly Meeting. Special Meetings of the Trustees may be called by the President or any two Trustees; said Special Meetings shall be held at such place and time as the President or members calling the same may designate. Notice thereof shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting, and such shall set forth the purposes of such Meeting. In the absence of a majority of Trustees, any two Trustees may adjourn to a time stated.

SECTION V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Trustees shall consist of a President, Vice-
President, Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by the Trustees, and shall hold office for one (1) year, and until the election and qualification of their respective successors. Said officers shall perform the duties usually incident to their respective offices, and such specific duties as are assigned to them by the Trustees.

SECTION VI

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular Annual Meeting or Special Meeting with the approval of Pacific Yearly Meeting, provided that in case of a Special Meeting, amendments shall have been nailed to each Trustee thirty (30) days prior to such Special Meeting.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING  
BUDGET 1961-62

INCOME

Contributions from Meetings $6250
Contributions from individuals, Interest 150
Subscriptions to BULLETIN 1800
Facilities fees, Annual sessions 400
Earnings of Young Friends 300
Reserve 110

TOTAL INCOME $9010

Concera

Contributions to Friend-in-Ori ent (suggested by Yearly Meeting - not in budget)

DISTRIBUTIONS

BULLETIN ($1800 from subscriptions; 1100 from general funds) $2900
Yearly Meeting sessions 600
Travel for delegates and officials 2300
Expenses of Clerk and Secretary 300
Young Friends' Yearly Meeting 585
COMMITTEES
Discipline (includes reprint of DISCIPLINE) 550
Ministry and Oversight - Visitation 400
Peace 75
Education 225
Indian Affairs 25
Social Order 25
Incorporation 100
Conferences:
Kenya F.W.C. 550
Other 150
Contributions:
Young Friends Committee of North America 25
Friends World Committee - General 300
Friends World Committee - U.N. Program 100

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS $9010

Concera

Friend-in-Ori ent (not in budget) $3000
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

Five hundred Friends, out of a membership of twenty-five hundred, coming from Canada, Mexico, and Western United States including Hawaii, are gathered for the 15th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, in August 1961, at a new location. Nestled in the Santa Barbara mountains as they reach out to the sea, we awake in the morning enfolded in fog. As time and the warm sun burn away the clouds, our view opens out to the Pacific Ocean and the Channel Islands on special days. In like manner, we come to Yearly Meeting enclouded, to clear our vision through worship and fellowship.

Our gathered Yearly Meeting looks to small Worship-Fellowship groups as an experience of guidance and sharing, that our larger sessions may be nurtured with love and understanding. In simplicity we strive to free ourselves of burdensome business, but face the need for clarifying procedures and for expressing common experiences. With great distances between meetings, we are seeking better ways of functioning as a unified body and recording them in a developing book of discipline. Our Young Friends share in our worship fellowship and concerns, and find a need to minute their own.

We have been reminded, through the American Friends Service Committee report, that "our business is the exercise of our faith". Our responsibility to one another is not to ensure conformity but to promote love and understanding as we attempt to follow God's leading, whether we succeed in doing so or whether we have faltered. We are challenged by reports of individual members who have taken unusual courageous action for conscience' sake, to reexamine our lives in relation to our faith.

Dear Friends, we feel the need to extend our bonds of love and fellowship within the Society through the encouragement of visitation to other Yearly Meetings and in joint projects of concern. As we consider the activities of the Friends World Committee and our need for further world conferences, we feel the importance of harmony within the Society. We desire to reach out to the world's needs, by being mindful of our neighbors near and far, with love and understanding.

These are our commitments. Let us, through worship and fellowship, open our hearts to God's love that we may gain strength and courage to fulfill His will.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Harold Carson, Clerk
Dear Young Friends Everywhere,

We greet you with the same warmth and love that immediately surrounded us as we arrived at Westmont College, near Santa Barbara, California. This feeling was deepened through inspiring sessions with our resource people on social problems, religious visions, and personal religious views.

Our schedule has been extremely full and has left very little time for recreation. However, we have made time to take trips to the beach and to the annual Santa Barbara Spanish Fiesta.

Due to the fact that the Senior High group was housed two miles from the campus, the sense of unity with adults was not as great as the previous year. We hope next year this feeling will be revived.

Our thoughts are with you in the coming year.

In fellowship on behalf of the Junior Yearly Meeting of Young Friends.

Bill Bruff, Clerk
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